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Ray in his present application...
He at first did not want to
plead guilty even if he got chair
it would be 20 years before he
was executed, & he & Forhan would
both be gone by then. But F.
pointed out to him that there
is a lot of difference in public
attitude in 1969 compared
to 1961.

(This is what we had already
planned to argue to jury).

In portion of stipulation regarding
Ray taking them & them to register for
Asst. Wallace, F. says Ray tries to avoid
any reference of a political implication
(although F. says Ray does not like
negros), & Ray says he did not ask
them, etc. to register for Wallace, but
only gave them a ride to Wallaces',
because Ray was going near there to
buy some tires.

F. said Ray has figured his chances
of acquittal are 70 to 50 in Shelby
County, because the total vote in
Shelby County for Wallace and
Niemi was 72% !!

Canali's notes

3/2/79

At 11:00.

To my own
regret, the
offer of a
stipulation
suggested by
the state and
accepted by

The jury
that F. also
brought it in
Monday 3.
has started

I have
drawn on
part of the
stipulation
of note 2.
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I want a
what was
advised him
take place
what it is
& that the

At 1:20

To my own
writing

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3/9/69

At 11:00 A.M. Foreman brought to my office the waiver of their request, the judge's proposed offer ~~and~~ and the "short" stipulation, all initialed and signed by Ray & Foreman. He says everything is still as scheduled for Monday.

The Judge has released info that F. Lee requested Ray to be brought into courtroom Monday 3/10, & the news media has started flooding me!

I have placed call to Bob Owens or Ferris Howard at Dept. of Justice to advise them that they may be a development of note Monday. Withers was in - I left word to call.

Owens called, & without telling me what was going to happen Monday, I advised him a development would take place of importance, & he guessed what it was & I asked him to report - that the Bureau had been advised.

At 1:20 P.M. Mr. Norris came to my office ^{& said} that complete security should go into effect this

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sure he
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3/7/69

Foreman called me from airport at 2:05 P.M. + said he had gotten long note from Ray asking that reference to "Unless he taken out of stipulation saying he would like to try the Democrats and Republicans if this was to be an issue. After confering with Massey + Boyce, I agreed to take this reference out, but told Foreman if Ray starts talking, to tell him to go to hell + we'll go to trial.

F. said Ray's brothers also objected to the reference + asked that it be deleted.

Ray further told Foreman that since he only got into case 2 days before the scheduled trial Nov. 12, Ray just might discharge him and go to trial represented by Stanton.

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Mr. ADRINE. Thank you Chairman STOKES. My testimony he is entitled minutes in which he has given to this commit

I would extend to you Mr. CANALE. Thank you

I don't want to make is doing. As you know investigators during the always been most coop

People will criticize a trial, because if he has witness stand and they

Well, that is purely a in the first place or not brought out anything! then, I doubt.

So, I did the best I could Chairman STOKES. With cooperation you have given appearance and your testimony. Thank you.

Mr. CANALE. Thank you Chairman STOKES. The Chair recognizes

Mr. BLAKEY. Thank you James Earl Ray has County Jail while he was created a strain that he

Our next witness, Dr. examined Ray during the

Dr. McCarthy DeMere James Earl Ray on July was given the assignment most in the minds of was in fact serving as a

Dr. DeMere was in good health. Consequently

It would be appropriate DeMere.

Chairman STOKES. The Would you stand and testify you will give whole truth and nothing

Dr. DEMERE. I do.

Chairman STOKES. The The Chair recognizes

TESTIMONY OF McCALL ALSO AN ATTORNEY LAW SCHOOL

Mr. MATHEWS. Thank